

Our Thanksgiving number of the **ESSEX COUNTY HERALD** is reduced in size from lack of plate. In fact, as much of the plate is useless matter anyway we will probably cut out two pages of it during the winter months. What we want is local matter—news of the towns and county, and we would be glad to print eight or even ten pages of it if we had it.

The method adopted by some states in conforming to eugenic principles is not only brutal, but a damnable stain upon the state that allows such principles to be carried out. Why should people who are weak mentally or below the normal, or of a blood that inclines toward evil things, be forced to suffer sterilization like so many dumb brutes simply to satisfy the whims of a few eugenic believing cranks? Are we reverting back to savagery? Must young couples suffer this indignity of inspection before wedlock to satisfy such outrageous laws that are abnormal in themselves? Out upon such modern theories and those who would cater to them. Grown-up man and womanhood is no time to tinker with eugenic principles. Begin at birth. Dr. Hasselden and Mrs. Anna Bollinger of Chicago have set a fine example in this direction. It was a blessing to the child, family and community in allowing it to die. It was the right principle to work upon, and far less inhuman than allowing it to grow up, and possibly torture it or like beings with barbaric torture in later years. Conform to eugenic principles at birth, if you will—not after the being has grown up.

#### Profitable Hens.

DEAR EDITOR:  
While I want young Master Williams to retain all the credit his due for conducting his poultry business so well I feel that this is a very opportune time to tell what Master Milo Kendall of West Derby did.  
In July, 1914, I gave to Milo a hen and eight chickens, they having just emerged from under the hen house and made their first bow to the public. No members of the Kendall family, except Milo, were overjoyed at the gift but they felt obliged to allow him to keep them.  
With the good care such a good boy could give them these eight chickens grew to be very plump and tame youngsters, four out of the eight being pullets. The four roosters were eaten at Christmas and at the market price would have brought \$4.20. The mother hen began to lay when her babies were only two weeks old and laid an egg nearly every day until June 15, 1915, when she began to set upon 17 eggs. One of the pullets began to lay December 9, 1914, and all the pullets laid before the end of December.  
The first pullet began to set upon 12 eggs April 13, 1915, and hatched out 12 chicks, two of which were killed in the nest.  
The second pullet began to set upon 15 eggs April 20, 1915, and hatched every chick.  
The third and fourth pullets began to set May 4, 1915, upon 15 eggs each. One of these pullets took care of all the chicks and the other kept on setting upon another setting of 15 eggs, hatching and raising every one.  
When the chickens were two weeks old they were taken from their mothers and the mothers soon began to lay eggs. Mrs. mother hen was always too busy laying eggs to hatch more chicks until June 15, when she began setting upon 17 eggs and raised every chick. Following is the record of the profits of Mrs. mother hen and her family:  
Mrs. mother hen produced 238 eggs July 1, to June 19, \$7.14  
Hatched 17 chickens, infancy value 1.70  
Brought up four roosters, cash value 4.20  
Brought up four pullets, cash value 4.00  
Pullets laid 339 eggs, Dec. 9 to July 1, average value 3c. 10.17  
Pullets hatched 68 chicks, infancy value 6.80

**Total \$34.01**  
The cash value of what the hens have eaten has not been kept, but for the most part they have been fed from the leavings of the table, very little produce being bought for them.  
This shows what a 10 year old boy can do it in the poultry business and I take pleasure in telling the other boys of it though your paper.  
MRS. M. C. BRIGHAM.

#### WAR EXPERIENCES.

##### An Episode of the Battlefield.

An episode of the battlefield is related in a letter from the front concerning two sappers who were buried by the explosion of a German mine, but dug their way out after sixty-one hours' work. The two men were entombed in a small space at the end of a counter-mine gallery. By means of knives they made a vertical chimney only to find that it issued less than a yard from an enemy trench. Waiting until night, they dug in another direction, and after twenty-four hours reached the upper air. Each has been awarded a medal.

##### Carmania's Cat Did High Stunts During Gun Firing.

During the fight in which the armed liner Carmania sank the German commerce destroyer Cap Trafalgar, the ship's cat on the Carmania broke various world's records in sprints and high jumps, writes a member of the crew to friends in London.  
"The old cat didn't seem to know what to make of it," says the letter. "He was on ordinary occasions a lazy kind of a cat, and spent most of his time hunting sunny corners for sleep. But when the firing commenced, he covered the whole ship like a streak, from fore'sle head to stern, on deck and below, trying to climb masts and scramble up the funnel, and every time a gun was fired, he would jump up in the air as high as the tops of the freight booms. It was some time after the fight before he quieted down to his old habits. But we will match him against any other cat in the world in his peculiar kind of athletics."

##### Christmas Fun of Troops in Trenches.

Though serious fighting has been impossible along the ragged line from Ypres to Armentieres where our troops are mainly congregated, there was an abundance of fun in the sloppy trenches on Christmas Day, as told by a jolly padre, who returned from the firing line this morning. He said:  
"Two soldiers, after signalling peace from a perilous position on the crown of the trench, walked across to the German lines, carrying with them some mince pies and other reasonable offerings and messages of Christmas greeting. They brought back with them tales of a cordial welcome, a bottle of good wine and many Christmas cards for distribution.  
"Two German soldiers apparently of the Landsturm, who essayed to return the call a little later, were less lucky, being arrested and held prisoners by an over-officious sentry until set free with apologies and good wishes by an officer who came by.  
"In other parts of the lines the men on both sides concluded an unofficial armistice, and during Christmas Day men of both armies walked freely between the trenches, swapping tobacco and the compliments of the season. Snapshots of mixed groups of English and Germans are not uncommon souvenirs of the day."

##### Writes of Experiences On Firing Line.

Gordon Riddell, a jeweler of Barre, has received a letter from his brother, James Riddell, who gives an intimate and interesting account of his experiences on the firing line in Belgium and France. Private Riddell is a member of the Second Gordon Highlanders and is recovering from a rifle wound in the head, the second battle scar he has received since he went to the front. When the letter was penned late in June, Mr. Riddell was convalescing at the Gilves hospital, Groby Road, Leicester, Eng. Exports of Mr. Riddell's communication to his brother are given below:  
"Dear Gordon:  
"Have just received your letter this morning. Well I am sorry to say I was pretty severely wounded at Fesheber, near La Basse, on the 15th of May. We took four lines of German trenches, but we lost about 200 of our regiment; I was in the 7th division, composed of 1st Grenadier guards, 2nd Scots guards,

borderers and the 2nd Gordons. We were about 200 yards from their first line of trenches. The artillery bombarded their trenches first, the big guns destroyed their parapets, and the small guns their wire entanglements.  
"We went over our parapet about 2:45 a. m., and got across all right to the first line. They had done a 'bunk' to the rear trenches and then the fun began. They turned their machine guns on us, but we advanced by rushes and soon had them out of the 2nd line. It was here that I was wounded. I was lying on the ground when I thought a horse had kicked me on the head; then—it was a rifle bullet; it scraped my skull and the doctor afterward said he never saw a narrower escape. The bullet made a nasty hole about four and one-half inches long and two inches wide. Just now I am having the time of my life in this convalescent home. We get everything we want. I expect to be home in another month for a seven days' leave and I don't think they will send me again, as they generally put the men who have been twice wounded on home service. I suppose you know I was wounded in November during the battle of Calais at Ypres in Belgium."

"The Germans are up to every trick of warfare. You can teach them nothing. They have a tremendous amount of machine guns and the snipers have a rifle with telescope sights. The only thing they don't like is fighting at close quarters. I was in two charges, one at Ypres, against the famous Prussian guards, and another at Neuve Chapelle, on March 14. Your blood is fired up so that you scarcely know what you are doing for a few minutes and even then you think nothing about it.  
"I saw some of your old corps. They were about two miles behind the firing line, making reinforced trenches. All of them were quite well pleased, but personally I would rather be on the firing line than in the reinforcements because the Germans don't shell our first line for fear of their shells falling short of the mark and dropping in their own trenches.  
"Your affectionate brother,  
"Jim."

#### VERMONT NEWS

Mrs. Samuel Whalley, of Charlotte, who was 90 years old Monday, wore a dress she finished making that day. She does all her own housework for herself and husband, who will be 90 years old next March. Mr. Whalley is also active and it is no uncommon thing to see him climbing ladders about their home.

Ball Lyons captured a large three-year-old fox single handed, near his home in Bennington recently, without injuring the animal. A second fox from the same hole was shot trying to escape. The pet was an exceptionally good one. The live fox will be placed in a cage which Mr. Lyons maintains on his farm, where he already has two other animals caught last winter. He will endeavor to breed a litter of the animals.

##### Bristol Man Is Killed.

The terrific wind storm which prevailed in Bristol Friday did much damage. Sidney B. Grant, living in Bristol Flats south of the village, was killed shortly after 6 o'clock in the evening, while he was out doing his chores. The wind blew down a shed, a timber striking Grant and killing him. His wife went out looking for him and found him under the timbers.  
Mr. Grant leaves his wife, two sons, one daughter and has a brother, Irving Grant, living in West Rutland.  
Several buildings were unroofed, trees up-rooted and telephone wires blown down. Children in South Starkboro remained in the schoolhouse until after 9 o'clock in the evening when the wind subsided and rain began to fall.

##### Vermont Crop Report.

Corn—Estimate this year 2,260,000 bushels, final estimate last year 2,115,000; price November 1 to producers 83 cents per bushel, year ago 80 cents.  
Wheat—Estimate this year 30,000 bushels, final estimate last year 29,000; price November 1 to producers \$1.15, year ago \$1.06.  
Oats—Estimate this year 3,483,000 bushels, final estimate last year 3,358,000; price November 1 to producers 52 cents per bushel, year ago 54 cents.  
Barley—Estimate this year 420,000 bushels, final estimate last year 414,000; price November 1 to producers 86 cents per bushel, year ago 90 cents.  
Potatoes—Estimate this year 2,590,000 bushels, final estimate last year, 4,200,000; price November 1 to producers 74 cents per bushel, year ago 49 cents.  
Apples—Estimate this year 324,000 barrels, final estimate last year 1,067,000; price October 15 to producers \$2.90 per barrel, year ago \$1.65.  
Boy Attempts Suicide.  
Howard Raymond, an 11-year-old boy of Brooksville, was taken to the Addison county jail by Deputy Sheriff Edward Higgins, after he had attempted to commit suicide with a jack-knife, which he borrowed from his sister. His throat is badly bruised from the sawing

of the knife, which was very dull.  
The boy gives as the reason for his act that the teacher of the school he attended was to punish him after school because he did not have his lesson, and he was afraid to meet her. Since the death of his mother six months ago he has lived with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stone. His aunt found him back of a shed near the house and called George Shedwick, who was passing, and he got the knife away from the young boy.

##### Bones of Back Wired Together.

Ernest L. Nolin who fell from a roof in Brattleboro suffered partial paralysis, his fourth and fifth lumbar vertebrae being fractured. The bones were wired together and the young man was placed in a plaster cast from his hips to his neck. Weights were hung from his feet and his head in order to keep the bone in exactly the same position and he must lie immovable for weeks. He attempted to jump a space of five feet between two buildings and fell two stories to the ground.

##### Secures Rare Confederate Note.

R. M. Houghton, a Bennington Civil War veteran, has acquired a Confederate two-dollar bill of extremely rare issue which he is to donate to the relic cabinet of the local Grand Army post.  
The bill was issued in Milledgeville, Ga., January 1, 1863, the year that Mr. Houghton was doing service with the "nine months' men" in the South. Mr. Houghton bought the note for a sizeable sum of money. The bill was printed on one side only and is yellow with age. Negotiations to purchase it occupied over a year.

##### Child Painfully Burned by Lye.

Prosper, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lajoie, of Rutland, was painfully burned about the face and neck with lye. The injury will cause the little chap considerable suffering for some days but it is not thought that his face will be scarred nor that the sight of one eye, into which the lye found its way, will be affected.  
A member of the household was cleaning the floor, using some of the lye in the process. The can containing the powerful substance was left on a low table and the boy, just able to toddle about, reached for it and tipped its contents on his head and shoulders.

##### Dangerously Injured on Railroad.

After lying six hours in a ditch a few rods from the North Hero station with both legs crushed above the ankles and his right arm crushed at the elbow as the result of a fall between the cars of a train upon which he was riding, Frank Burns, an itinerant bridge builder, was taken to Burlington Sunday. His name is on the dangerous list at the Mary Fletcher hospital. The story of Burns' experience is a shocking one. He was stealing a ride to Burlington, where he hoped to obtain employment, when he fell from his place between the cars. He lost consciousness for a few moments but recovered his senses in time to see the tail-lights of the train disappear around a bend. He made a futile effort to gain his feet and realizing the impossibility of this, dragged himself to the side of the railroad embankment and allowed himself to roll into a ditch which was filled with several inches of water.

#### BARTON.

The fixtures in the Davis store are now being disposed of.  
Mrs. F. H. Pillsbury is taking a vacation in Providence, R. I.

A. W. Buswell and family were recent visitors in Brownstown.  
Little Mary Louise Atanassoff fell off the piazza and broke her arm on Saturday morning last.

Mrs. P. L. Webster is spending Thanksgiving week with her daughter, Vera, in Lebanon, N. H.

Harold Baker of West Glover, who, with several young men, went to the Northwest last fall for the harvest season, has returned.

Mrs. Carrie E. Burnham entertained several friends of her daughter, Ruth, in honor of the young lady's sixteenth birthday last week.

Beautiful evergreen trees are being loaded here for the Christmas trade in the cities, which no doubt give pleasure to many adults as well as children.

Mrs. C. H. Blood is very ill with, it is feared, tuberculosis, and Al. Dana with inflammatory rheumatism. The family of A. R. Wakeman are quarantined for scarlet fever.

Rev. I. A. Ranney preached to a union congregation at the Methodist church Sunday. In the morning a Thanksgiving sermon from Psalm 24:5, in the evening, 1 Cor., 13:11.

Mrs. Leon Batchelder and Mrs. Zura Hanson of Elm avenue invited several ladies to an afternoon visit in honor of the birthday of Mrs. Lucretia C. Frost, who was the guest of honor at the home of Mrs. Batchelder.

The Woman's Alliance gave an oyster supper in their dining rooms in the vestry of the Methodist church on the evening of the 12th, and the C. E. society gave a chicken pie supper at the Cong'l church on the evening of the 17th, both of which were well patronized.

There is something very interesting about a mystery. Is there anything mysterious about a new club that is reported in town? I hear it is called the Industrial Club. The New Modern Illustrated Dictionary says the word means "pertaining to productive industry." What are they producing, and who are the president, treasurer and secretary? Where is it located, and is there a new club house?

#### Sheriff's Sale of Real Estate

##### Abbie Cheney vs. Mary A. Stumpf.

Notice is hereby given that I hold an execution against Mary A. Stumpf, the above named defendant, in favor of the said Abbie Cheney, issued upon a judgment rendered by the Caledonia County Court at the June term 1915 thereof, for the sum of Seven Hundred Twenty-eight Dollars and thirty-one cents and costs of Forty-three Dollars and fifty-five cents, and that said execution has been levied and extended upon the following described parcels of land situated in the town of Charleston, in the County of Orleans, in the State of Vermont, with the appurtenances thereof, and with the said defendant's right in equity to redeem the same, as the property of the said defendant, Mary A. Stumpf, to wit:

"Said real estate being three hundred fifteen acres, more or less, off of lots 33 and 40 in the first division lots in said Town of Charleston and lots numbered 13 and 15 in the second division of lots in said Town of Charleston, and being all and the same real estate deeded to the said Mary A. Stumpf by A. C. Fellows by deed of warranty dated the 6th day of September, 1904, and recorded in Book 17, page 129 of the Land Records of said Town of Charleston, and being the same land deeded to said A. C. Fellows by Cynthia D. Gallup by her deed dated June 8, 1904, and recorded in Book 17, page 44, of said Charleston Land Records, except about eight acres deeded Geo. W. Driver by Mary A. Stumpf and Wilson Buck as mortgage, which real estate is bounded on the northwest by land owned by George W. Driver; on the northeast by land owned by E. J. Streeter and C. R. Durgin; on the southeast by land owned by G. W. Horn and by land owned by W. C. Hinton; and on the southwest by land owned by J. W. Cook."

Notice is hereby further given that by virtue of said execution, and by the direction of W. W. Keiriden, attorney for the creditor in said cause, unless the said amount of said execution, costs and interest, together with my fees and legal charges thereon, is in the meantime paid and satisfied, I shall sell the real estate above described, with the appurtenances thereof, and with all the said debtor's right in equity to redeem the same, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the amount of said execution, interest, and all costs thereon, at public auction to the highest bidder for the same, at the dwelling house on said premises, in said Town of Charleston, on the 15th day of December, 1915, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to satisfy in whole or in part said amount of said execution, costs, and interest, together with my fees and legal charges thereon, as directed in said execution.

Dated at Barton, Vermont, this 12th day of November 1915.

GEORGE E. JENNINGS,  
Deputy Sheriff,  
48-3wks-b.p.

##### Mississippi Steamboating.

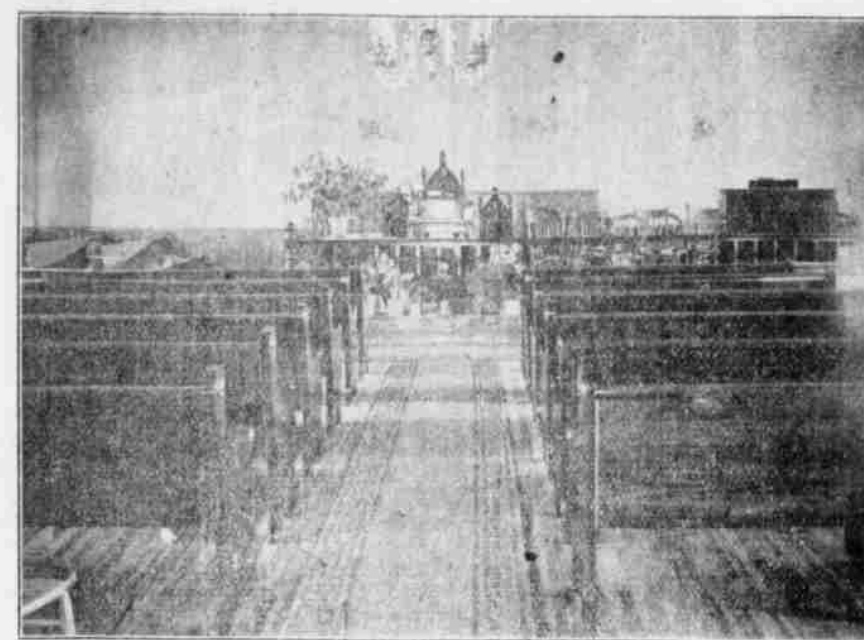
The steamboat age on the Mississippi began about 1821 and flourished for fifty years. As early as 1834 the number of steamboats on the Mississippi and its tributaries is estimated at 230, and in 1842 there were 450 vessels, with a value of \$25,000,000. But the golden era was from 1848 till the war. Never did the valley and steamboating prosper more than then. Thousands of bales of cotton were annually shipped to southern markets, and the wharfs of St. Louis and Memphis and Vicksburg and other large ports were stacked with piles of merchandise and lined with scores of steamers.—Travel Magazine.

##### The Dainty Muskrat.

The muskrat is one of the cleanest animals known. Not only is it careful of what it eats, but before eating a root or anything else the little animal patiently scrubs it free from dirt. Not until every particle is removed will it eat it. The name has had more influence in keeping people from eating the flesh than anything else. It is considered great fun to initiate a novice in eating muskrat. He is told that it is squirrel or any one of a dozen other animals to induce him to eat it. In ninety-nine cases in a hundred the novice is converted at once after the first mouthful and forever afterward never tires of singing the praise of the meat.—Exchange.

#### HOLLAND.

##### Reopening of M. E. Church at Holland.



Nothing less than a renaissance has come to our church at Holland. For a long time it had been growing weaker and weaker, on account of death and removals. The tenure of the church land was insecure and the edifice was dilapidated. But a year ago, through the faithful work of Rev. S. M. Harris, then pastor, the title was made secure and properly recorded. When his successor, Rev. E. B. Harris, was appointed to Holland and Morgan last spring, he soon took up the work of repairs. The foundation was made firm, cement steps were built in front, and steel ceiling, hard wood floors, new pews, pulpit set, altar railing, carpeting, paint and paper, new stoves, etc., were procured, and duly put into place. The total expenditure to date has been \$534.

The reopening was held Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 16 and 17. Some question as to whether people would come out on a Saturday morning, but the faith of the pastor was rewarded in seeing the church filled morning, afternoon and evening. The district superintendent preached five times in two days and also took charge of raising the balance of \$189 still due on repairs. When this, and more too, had been secured, Rev. O. J. Anderson, of Derby, Rev. O. E. Barnard, of Island Pond, Rev. Mr. Hallett, of the Congregational church, and the pastor of the Advent church made felicitous remarks. Excellent music was furnished by the choir, assisted by singers from Morgan Center, and by a local orchestra. Rev. E. B. Harris read a historical sketch of general interest.

The Methodist Episcopal church was organized in 1820, being for more than thirty years the only church in town. The present edifice was built in 1841. Among the eight first members was Eber Robinson, who was the third settler in town. He was born in Windham county, Ct., in 1759, and served in the Revolutionary war. He was also a member of two constitution conventions in Vermont. In recent years Methodism has owed much to Sydney R. Fletcher, a grandson of Eber Robinson. Mr. Fletcher was a man of rare ability and

sound judgement, and naturally accepted a leading place in the offices of his town and county. He was a lay delegate to the General Conference of 1900, and died several years ago. Among the most interesting addresses of the occasion was that of Mrs. Betsey Applebee, who in her ninety-second year stood as straight as any girl in her teens. She told of the old days when people worshipped in log schoolhouses.  
On Sunday morning thirty-five knelt at the altar in communion, probably the largest number for twenty-five years. At the close of an evangelistic service Sunday evening three men and two women took a public stand for Christ.  
In this good farming region there is sound reason for believing that low water mark in the church has been passed and that from now on the church will exercise an increasing hold upon the community.  
RALPH F. LOWE.

During the meetings which have been held since the reopening much interest has been manifested, and on several Sundays both morning and evening nearly or quite 100 have been present.  
A large number of people have expressed their purpose to live a Christian life and the heads of several families already united with the church.  
At the Sunday evening services the choir from West Holland have been assisting in the singing which is much appreciated. And on next Sabbath evening it is expected that there will also be special music. The praise service will commence at 7:30. Sermons by pastors to be followed by evangelist service.  
E. B. HARRIS.

Enough snow came on Saturday and Sunday so some sleighs are being used.  
Chester Cleveland and family of Coventry were in town the first part of the week. Mrs. Cleveland and children visited at the Methodist parsonage, while Mr. Cleveland was hunting.

**Desert Gems.**  
In 1889 a hunter in the northwest of New South Wales wounded a kangaroo. The animal went off through the mulga and the salt bush at a pace too fast for the hunter to follow and was soon out of sight. The hunter was a bushman and did not despair. He followed the blood trail, hopeful of a short search and a speedy bag. At one point of the pursuit it may be that the trail grew faint and necessitated a closer inspection. Anyway the hunter stooped and picked up a piece of stone. This he examined. The red spot was not on it; it was in it. It was not blood that he saw; it was opal. Such was the beginning of the White Cliffs opal fields.

**That's Different.**  
"Faint heart never won fair lady, you know."  
"Nonsense! I know a man who's got \$4,000,000 and a weak heart, and all the girls are just crazy to marry him."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

**Heirlooms.**  
"Did your wealthy old uncle leave many heirlooms?" "Oh, yes. A near heir looms up every week."—Exchange.

**A Genius.**  
Little Willie—Say, pa, what is a genius?  
Pa—A genius, my son, is a person whom nature lets in on the ground floor but whom circumstances force to live in an attic.—Chicago News.

**Still to Be Proved.**  
He (after half an hour's hard work)—You didn't know I danced, did you? She—No. Do you?

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